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**EASLEY REAPPOINTS SMITH AS COMMISSIONER OF BANKS**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Joseph A. Smith Jr.** of Washington, D.C. as the commissioner of banks.

Smith has been the commissioner of banks since 2002. Previously, he was a counsel at Thacher Proffitt and Wood in Washington, D.C. Smith was the general counsel and secretary for Centura Banks Inc. and Centura Bank from 1992-2000. He received his bachelor's degree from Davidson College and his juris doctorate from the University of Virginia.

The commissioner of banks acts as the executive officer for the Banking Commission. The Banking Commission provides rules and regulations for hearings before the Commission on matters pertaining to the banking laws of North Carolina. The Commissioner of Banks serves a four-year term, and is appointed by the governor. The General Assembly must confirm the appointment.

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